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1. To parcel out; distribute or apportion: *allotting land to homesteaders; allot blame.*
2. To assign as a portion; allocate: *allotted 20 minutes to each speaker.*

[Middle English *alotten*, from Old French *aloter* : *a-*, *to* (from Latin *ad-*; see **ad-**) + *lot*, *portion* (of Germanic origin).]**al-lot'ter n.**

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Pronunciation: *ä'lät*

Function: *transitive verb*

Inflected Form(s): **al·lot·ted**; **al·lot·ting**

Etymology: Middle English *alloten*, from Middle French *aloter*, from *a-* (from Latin *ad-*) + *lot*, of Germanic origin; akin to Old English *hlot* lot

1 : to assign as a share or portion <*allot* 10 minutes for the speech>

2 : to distribute by or as if by lot <*allot* seats to the press>
- **al·lot·ter** *noun*

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